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## NEW MEXICO CHILE PRODUCTION 2003

**New Mexico** chile production dropped to 85,360 tons in 2003, 9 percent below 2002. Planted acreage was estimated at 15,800 acres, well below the previous year plantings of 18,000 acres, primarily due to the continuing drought conditions. Harvested acreage was 14,700 acres with a large amount of acreage lost to hail damage.

Despite the decrease in harvested acreage, growers maintained the high yields similar to the previous year. The average state yield for green long mild was 12.7 tons per acre while paprika averaged 1.7 tons per acre.

The value of New Mexico chile was estimated at \$41.08 million, 20 percent less than 2002.

### 2003 Chile Acreage, Yield, and Production by County

County	Planted Acreage			Harvested Acreage			Production (Tons)		
	2001 <sup>1/</sup>	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
Chaves	---	1,100	1,000	1,400	1,100	500	4,900	2,880	1,450
Doña Ana	---	4,500	3,500	4,200	4,400	3,400	21,000	27,170	24,410
Eddy	---	1,200	600	1,100	1,100	500	1,800	1,910	610
Hidalgo	---	2,600	2,900	2,200	2,400	2,800	13,200	13,700	8,630
Lea	---	1,200	1,600	800	1,100	1,500	1,600	2,000	2,240
Luna	---	5,600	5,100	6,200	5,300	5,000	32,900	42,050	43,680
Sierra	---	900	600	700	700	600	2,800	3,280	3,100
Other Counties <sup>2/</sup>	---	900	500	1,100	700	400	2,800	3,410	1,240
<b>State</b>	---	<b>18,000</b>	<b>15,800</b>	<b>17,700</b>	<b>16,800</b>	<b>14,700</b>	<b>81,000</b>	<b>96,400</b>	<b>85,360</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Planted acreage not available for 2001.

<sup>2/</sup> Other counties include Bernalillo, Cibola, Curry, Guadalupe, Otero, Rio Arriba, Roosevelt, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Socorro, and Valencia.
